

### Local Dairymen Celebrate Dairy Month In June

During the month of June, "old Bossy" is recognized as queen for a month. In celebration of Dairy Month, according to Ben Cluff, local dairymen.

Throughout the country began the celebration of "Dairy Month" in June when they realized the greater abundance of milk produced by cows during that month.

Cluff said, in celebrating the event locally, that he is giving away toys, candy suckers, etc. to the children of all of his patrons during the month.

Cluff said that dairymen

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### New City Engineer Reveals Interesting Background

Claiming a long record of engineering experience coupled with a jovial sense of humor is Torrance's new City Engineer, Jacob Joseph. Joseph's first day in his new position was last Friday, June 1.

The 58-year-old engineer, who has had almost 40 years experience in the occupation, now resides at 1507 El Prado street, Torrance with his wife, Bertha, daughter, Marilyn, 16, and son, Henry, 29. Another daughter, Mrs. Donald Richman, resides on Long Island, New York.

Born in New York City, Joseph attended public school there as well as night engineering courses. He is a licensed engineer of both New York and California and attained his Torrance job by being the highest on the

#### VARIED EXPERIENCE

During his 37 years as engineer for the city of New York, Joseph has had experience in all phases of municipal engineering activities. Among the departments in which he is experienced, he includes the following: water supply, sewage disposal, waste collection, parks, harbor facilities, school buildings, streets, and rapid transit construction.

#### 'COMES WEST'

Then, as Joseph puts it, "at the advice of Horace Greeley, I came west." Coming to reside in Hollywood, California, in March, 1949, Joseph has since been employed successively by both the city and county of Los Angeles. He was, first, inspector of sewer construction for Los Angeles Council, then, inspector of sewer construction for Los Angeles city. He was then inspector of construction of recreation buildings for the city, following which, he was engineer of harbor facilities at San Pedro for the city. Previous to his present position, Joseph was employed as engineer for construction of Los Angeles County institutions.

Insisting that there is "nothing glamorous or exciting" about his life, Joseph shows a great interest in the problems of municipal needs. The height of his ambition, as he said, is to pass the State of California exam for structural engineer's license which he plans to take this coming December.

#### EXPERT SWIMMER

On further questioning, it was revealed that Joseph is not only an expert swimmer and golf enthusiast, but has also taught courses in mathematics. He taught night courses in math while in New York. Joseph, while in New York, used to represent his department in all swim events and has taught swimming during his life. He was also a volunteer life guard at the city beaches there.

A very congenial person, Joseph said that if the city should establish a swimming pool, he



JACOB JOSEPH  
Torrance Press Photo

would be more than happy to teach swimming.

Asked his opinion of California, Joseph replied, "I think it's wonderful out here, climate and all."

### At Adult School Gardening Classes

A new free adult class, open to children and adults, in gardening and landscape, will be held each Wednesday night from 7 to 10 in room 108 of Torrance High School, starting Wednesday night, June 13.

Subjects in the course include how to landscape the home; what shrubs to plant, how to put in lawns (annuals, perennials, and ornamental shrubs); how to set up a play area for children.

In addition, instructor Charles Luger will take up the subject of house plants, re-landscaping control of pests and insects, and acid-loving plants.

Slipping and seeding will be covered in this course, as well as planting vegetable gardens. Children and adults with individual problems of their own gardens and homes will get expert, professional advice on plants, flowers and landscaping in this free seven session course, starting Wednesday night, the 13th of June.

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### Authorities Ignore Bixby Slough Protests

Dominguez channel, part of which is known as Bixby Slough, located northeast and east of Torrance, is destined to stretch to the sea a ten-mile long, weed-grown, sluggish drainage canal for some time to come, according to a communication from the county's engineering department.

This was indicated, despite vigorous protests of parents and Torrance area citizens that it be covered or at least cement lined in the vicinity of Roosevelt elementary school. Protests stated the ditch was unsanitary and a breeding place for flies and mosquitoes as well as constituting a hazard for small children.

Word was received from Chief Engineer H. E. Hedger by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby to whom some 37 protests were sent by members of the Roosevelt Parent-Teachers association that compliance with the requests either to cover over, line with concrete or fill in the ditch would be impractical and too costly at this time.

The district has already embarked on a program to enlarge the channel to its ultimate capacity, and funds are now available for the construction of the first unit starting at the Harbor. Hedger wrote. However, he said, since this channel enlargement program is a very costly undertaking and since it must progress upstream, it will probably be several years before the improvement will reach the area in the vicinity of Roosevelt school.

The ultimate plan for improvement of the stretch of channel in the school area consists of an open concrete channel of adequate capacity to prevent ponding in Johnson lake, the communication stated. The chief engineer went on to explain the problems of the area and the district's overall plan as follows:

Dominguez channel from its source at the Los Angeles International Airport to its outlet into the Los Angeles harbor at Henry Ford avenue is the main drainage outlet for Gardena Valley. There is a natural depression known as Rosecrans avenue, lying north of Rosecrans avenue, and east of Crenshaw boulevard, and a second natural depression known as Laguna Dominguez near Avalon boulevard and Carson street north of Wilmington. Many years ago a partial capacity channel was excavated to connect Johnson lake with Laguna Dominguez and a partial capacity outlet excavated from Loguna Dominguez to the Los Angeles harbor.

Under existing conditions these two basins act as storage reservoirs during a major storm and the height to which water will rise in these basins has been determined on the basis of present channel capacities. Marginal development of these basins has been predicated on this maximum water surface. This system is now in a state of balance and any channel enlargement below Johnson lake must start at the ocean outlet and progress upstream.

It has always been the policy of this district to expend its funds to provide for the greatest possible degree of flood protection with a minimum expenditure of funds. Since the covered channel costs from two to three times as much as an open channel, without any increase in carrying capacity, this type of channel is constructed only when necessary to locate it in a street, or under other very exceptional conditions where its cost is equal to or less than the open channel.

### Funeral for Auto Crash Victim Held

Funeral services were held Monday for Frank H. Miller, 75, of 1540 W. Anaheim St., Harbor City, at an Ingelwood mortuary.

Miller died June 1 at Harbor General Hospital from injuries he received May 28 when an automobile he was driving collided with another car. Miller was making a U-turn on Pacific Coast Highway near the Torrance Airport. Driver of the other car was Joseph Senn, 53, of 913 Amoroso Place, Venice. Senn was not seriously injured and was not cited.

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